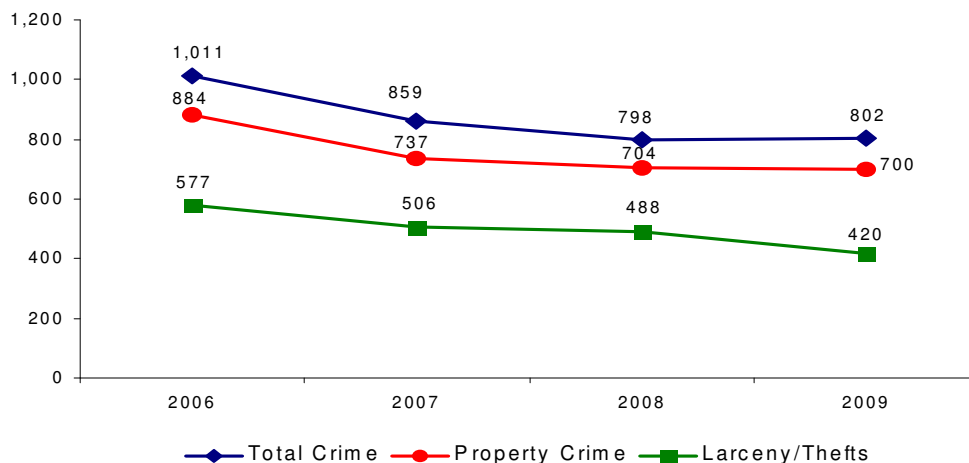


Somerset County

Working to reduce violent crime in Maryland

Governor O'Malley's primary concern for the State of Maryland is to provide safety for its citizens. To date, Maryland has the lowest homicide and violent crime numbers in a quarter of a century. However, the real story can be told at the local level where the difficult work of addressing violent crime and supporting victims is done every day. Over the last 3 years, through unprecedented federal, state, and local law enforcement collaboration, Somerset County has seen a significant 20.7% reduction in total crime, a 19.7% reduction in violent crime, and a 20.8% reduction in property crime. In addition, there have been significant reductions in aggravated assaults (-33.0%), and larceny/thefts (-27.2%) over the same 3 year period.

Somerset County Crime Trends 2006 - 2009
Total Crime, Property Crime and Larceny/Thefts



SOMERSET COUNTY MAKES AN IMPACT:

Governor O'Malley's Office of Crime Control and Prevention provided \$827,063 in grant funding to Somerset County from 2007-2009 to prevent and control crime. As a result, Somerset County has:

- Taken illegal guns off the street
- Arrested gun offenders
- Arrested and taken violent gang members off the streets
- Conducted sex offender compliance verifications to protect families

Now more than ever before, crime reduction depends on federal, state, and local collaboration. Real-time information sharing, more effective crime the analysis, new technology, the strategic targeting of violent offenders, and improved community resources all contributed to Somerset County's success.

- **Violence Prevention Initiative** - The Somerset County State's Attorney's Crisfield Violence Prevention Initiative supports the combined efforts of community prosecution and local law enforcement. As a result, Somerset County has seen an increase in offender arrest rates, a reduction of crime in the area, and a heightened sense of security by its citizens.

Key Initiatives

- Heightened Supervision of Violent Offenders
- CompStat on Demand
- Crime Analysis
- Crime Mapping
- CSAFE
- Community Policing
- Community Prosecution
- Gun Elimination Initiative
- Anti-Drug Initiative
- Youth Center Targeted Outreach
- Seasons for Success
- Bridges for Success

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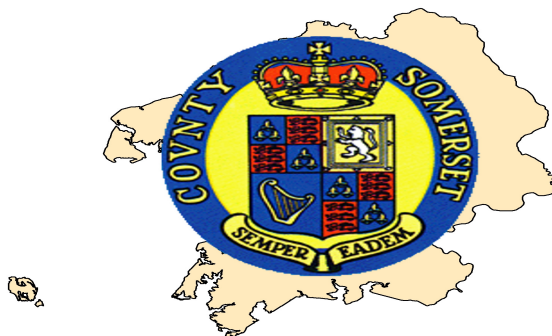
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- **Juvenile Justice** - The Somerset County Local Management Boards Youth Center Targeted Outreach diversion program serves the Department of Juvenile Services youth with first offenses and misdemeanors in Princess Anne. In order to reduce delinquency, this program addresses youth problems attributed to a lack of parental supervision and a community support system as well as then increasing presence of local gangs throughout the county.
- **Anti-Drug Initiative** - The overall goal of this initiative is to decrease the drug usage and trafficking in Somerset County. To achieve this goal, grant funds have allowed the Somerset County Sheriff's Office to replace safety equipment and an antiquated system with newer, enhanced technology. The purchase of new equipment enables the drug task force to complete reports in the field while on surveillance.
- **Victim Services** - Somerset County's Victim/Witness Project sustains and enhances crime victim services through a part time coordinator position. The part time Victim/Witness Coordinator assists victims through the court process and informs victims of all available resources and applicable laws.
- **Community Policing** - The community policing initiative promotes reducing crime and recidivism, empowering residents to regain control of their community while heightening their sense of security and improving police relations in the Somerset CSAF community. Assigned officers participate in community events and conduct enforcement activities such as undercover narcotics operations, vice and property crime stings, and supplemental patrols.
- **Seasons for Success** - This program targets 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students with attendance and reading problems. For the past 3 years, Somerset County has ranked near the top in the state for the highest percentage of habitual truants. This program addresses various contributing factors such as poor academic success due to poor reading skills and the lack of intrinsic motivation to attend school.



"Somerset County has a collaborative approach to crime. The county works with state and local officials on programs such as the Violence Prevention Initiative, which gets violent offenders off the street. This same cooperation drives the C-SAFE program which helps stabilize neighborhoods and empower residents. These partnerships provide the foundation for safety and security in Somerset County."

Governor Martin
O'Malley